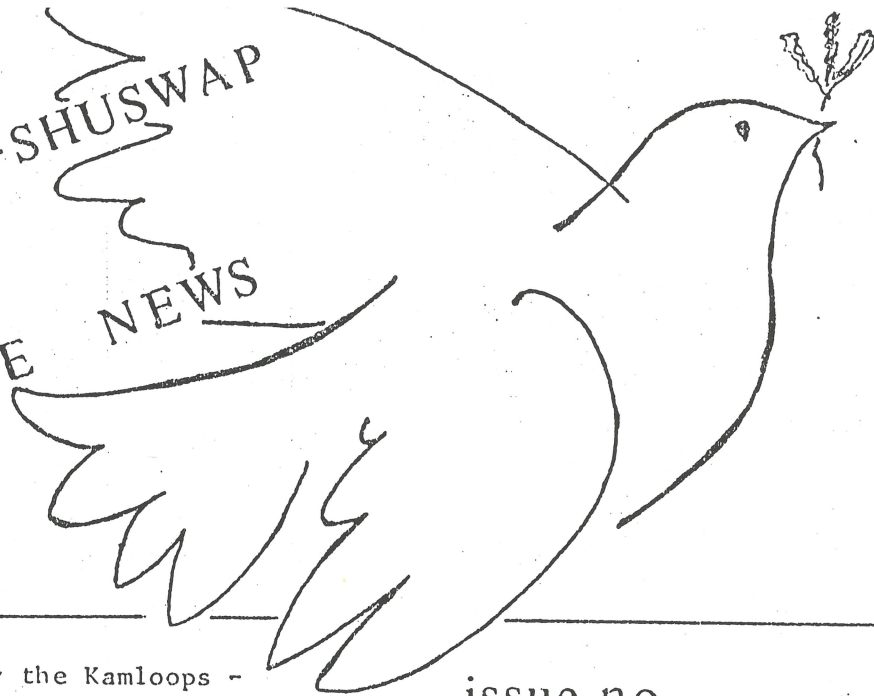


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LATEST SOVIET PROPOSALS OFFER NEW HOPE FOR 1986 UNITED NATIONS YEAR OF PEACE

The new Soviet programme calls for a three stage phasing out of nuclear weapons during the next fifteen years.

The first stage, which would take five to eight years,:

- A 50% reduction in Soviet and American nuclear arms capable of reaching each other's territory and setting a limit of 6,000 warheads for remaining delivery vehicles of this type.

- A mutual pledge by the U.S.S.R. and the U.S.A. not to develop, test or deploy strike weapons in space.

- The complete elimination by the Soviet Union and the United States of their ballistic and medium range cruise missiles in Europe, combined with a pledge by the U.S. not to supply strategic or medium range missiles to other countries and a pledge by Britain and France not to build up their nuclear forces.

- A Soviet-American ban on all nuclear explosions combined with a joint call to other states to join that moratorium.

At the second stage, which would take place not later than 1990, the following measures are to be carried out:

- The Soviet Union and the United States freeze their tactical nuclear forces (with a range of 1,000 kilometres).

- The other nuclear weapon powers join in the process of nuclear disarmament, and as a first step, freeze their nuclear arms and pledge not to deploy nuclear weapons on the territory of other countries.

- After the Soviets and Americans complete 50% reduction in their armaments, all nuclear powers liquidate tactical nuclear weapons.

- The leading industrialized nations join the ban on space strike weapons, while all nuclear powers halt nuclear weapon tests.

- A ban is placed on the development of non nuclear weapons based on new physical principles and having a destructive potential close to that of nuclear and other weapons of mass destruction.

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At the third stage, which is to begin not later than 1995,

- All nuclear weapons are to be liquidated by 1999, all nuclear weapons are to be banned from the earth and an agreement is concluded to prevent a revival of these weapons.

- Special procedures are worked out and agreed upon in detail for the destruction of nuclear warheads and for the dismantling and destruction of the delivery vehicles.

- The Soviet Union has no objection to any verification procedures, including the use of national technical facilities, on site inspection, etc.

NORAD (North American Aerospace Defence) UP FOR RENEWAL

NORAD is up for renewal this May. and Canadians should be very wary of any future involvement with this U.S. pact which relegates us to junior partners in the nuclear arms race.

According to U.S. military analyst, William Arkin, a strong critic of nuclear weapons, Ottawa isn't telling Canadians the truth about it's role in the nuclear arms race.

Arkin said that even if Canada forbids atomic weapons on it's soil the federal government is involved in nuclear weapons development through several joint defence programs with the U.S. He specifically mentioned the renewal of the NORAD treaty, which would not include a clause that would exclude Canada from anti-missile defence systems.

Arkin is a columnist for the respected Bulletin of Atomic Scientists. He was in Montreal at a conference at McGill University.

Another noted Canadian columnist, Fred Weir, has written an excellent article on NORAD, which fully explains it's history and what the future pact would mean to Canadians.

Weir's article is too lengthy to reproduce in the News but is a must reading for anyone, who wishes to be fully informed on this important issue. The article is available through the KSPC office. (374-3269)

NANOOSE CONVERSION CAMPAIGN

The Nanoose Conversion Campaign will be sponsoring an interior conference in Kamloops on May 24th and 25th.

The Peoples Enquiry will inform the interior residents of B.C. about the Nanoose Bay Maritime Experimental and Test Ranges (CFMETR). The bay and the surrounding area is used by U.S. Navy and military for testing purposes.

The enquiry wishes to raise the issues of nuclear powered submarines, the danger to marine life from floating "nuclear reactors", etc., and to have the site turned over for civilian use.

The time and place will be announced in our next News. Keep this date open!

WALK FOR PEACE - APRIL 26, 1986

Plans for our annual Walk for Peace are well underway with Ploughshares and KSPC organizing the event.

Tentative plans include the Walk from Allan Matthews Learning Institute, 5th and St. Paul Street to Riverside Park, starting at 12 noon sharp, as in past years.

Peace, Labour, Ethnic organizations, etc. have been invited to come and bring their own banners and signs.

As this is the United Nations International Year of Peace, we are using an international theme. We would like everyone to wear their ethnic costumes. We are also hoping to get entertainment from some of these organizations, stressing a festive air, with less speechmaking and more fun for all.

Another tentative plan is a poster contest linking United Nations International Year of Peace and the Peace Walk. The contest will be open to Senior High School students and a prize will be awarded to the best poster.

The best posters will be on display and used to advertise the Walk.

Please plan to attend this year's Peace Walk and Rally. Bring your friends, neighbors and relatives. Let's make this the biggest rally to date.



VANCOUVER PEACE FESTIVAL

April 19th - 27th, 1986

The largest peace event in Canadian history will be hosted in Vancouver this April.

The City of Vancouver, The Vancouver Centennial Commission, and 225 community, professional, labour, religious and peace groups, which make up the End the Arms Race Coalition, invite you to take part in the Vancouver Peace Festival.

The nine day festival will be a challenging opportunity to meet with thousands of people, from internationally renowned experts like John Kenneth Galbraith to ordinary citizens of Vancouver, to develop strategies to prevent nuclear war, and to celebrate working together to build a secure future for the world.

The mayor of Hiroshima and Vancouver Mayor Michael Harcourt will open the festival with a showing of artifacts from the bombing of Hiroshima. This sobering display of mankind's capacity to destroy will be followed by a week of cultural and educational events which will illustrate our capacity to find creative solutions to the threat of nuclear war.

A three day disarmament symposium, with world famous political, military and economic experts will be the major highlight. Scheduled for April 24-26 in the 2800 seat Orpheum Theatre, this symposium offers a once in a lifetime chance to hear first hand information from some of the foremost thinkers on peace and disarmament.

The climax will be the Walk for Peace on April 27th, which involves tens of thousands each year.

FMI, contact:
Vancouver Centennial Peace Festival
c/o City Hall
453 W. 12th Ave.
Vancouver, B.C.
V5Y 1V4

(Please note, the Kamloops Walk is on Saturday the 26th, and the Vancouver on the 27th, so that it is possible for some of us to attend both events.)

PROJECT FOR MARCH/APRIL

The Canadian Peace Congress has initiated a campaign in opposition to NORAD's renewal and its linkage to Canadian involvement in Star Wars.

The NDP, the Communist Party, and other forces have called for Canada to withdraw from NORAD; this has also been the position of the Peace Congress and the Peace Councils for years.

The Congress has produced leaflets for public distribution and our council will be giving them out at the Walk for Peace rally, and selling buttons with "No Star Wars" slogan.

In addition to the above, we urge you to write letters to P.M. Mulroney, cabinet Members, John Turner, Ed Broadbent and your local M.P.'s; letters to the media and resolutions from organizations opposing membership in NORAD.

UN VOTE TO STOP SPACE ARMS RACE ISOLATES THE U.S.

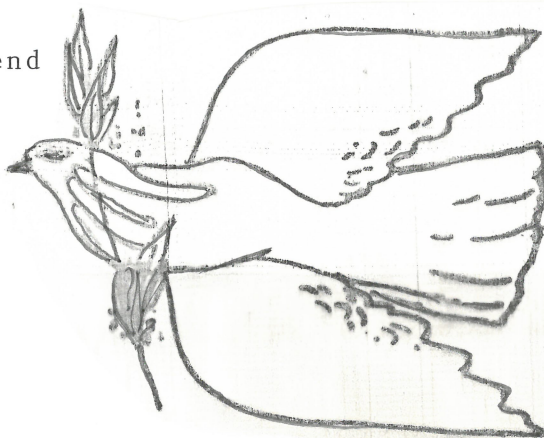
The 40th session of the United Nations General Assembly confirmed the priority task of all people is to ensure humanity's survival, stop the arms race on Earth and prevent it in space.

The resolution on preventing an arms race in space won a record number of yes votes at the General Assembly - 151 for, and only two abstentions; the United States and Grenada.



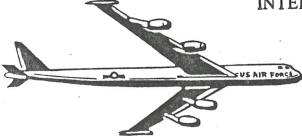
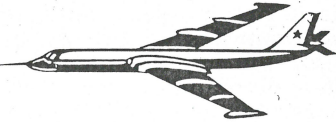
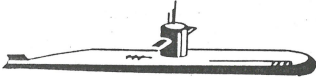

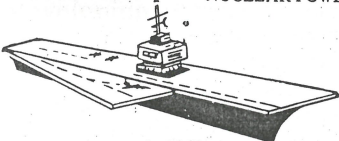
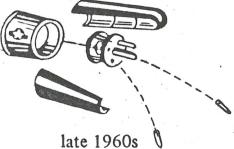
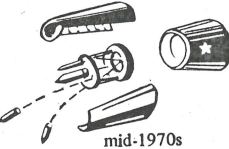


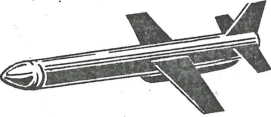
That and another resolution on cooperation in peaceful uses of space meant the international community clearly stood for keeping weapons out of space.

The overwhelming majority of states were giving increasing attention to the need to end nuclear tests, and the Soviet unilateral moratorium on all nuclear explosions won a very positive response at the session.

The moratorium and the Soviet offer on verification, including on site inspection has left the United States with no excuse for refusing to end its nuclear tests.



INITIATIVE IN DEVELOPING NEW WEAPON SYSTEMS

USA	USSR
NUCLEAR WEAPONS	
 mid-1940s (used in August 1945)	 late 1940s
INTERCONTINENTAL STRATEGIC BOMBERS	
 mid-1950s	 late 1950s
NUCLEAR-POWERED SUBMARINES	
 mid-1950s	 late 1950s
NUCLEAR-POWERED AIRCRAFT CARRIERS	
 early 1960s	none
MULTIPLE INDEPENDENTLY TARGETABLE RE-ENTRY VEHICLES	
 late 1960s	 mid-1970s
NEUTRON WEAPONS	
 late 1970s-early 1980s	none
LONG-RANGE CRUISE MISSILES	
 mid-1970s	 mid-1980s

DATES TO REMEMBER

March 10 - KSPC Meeting
North Kamloops Library 7:30

March 12 - Peace Walk Cttee
North Kamloops Library 7:30

April 5 - Networking meeting
of Okanagan and Area Peace
Groups. Women's Institute
Hall, Vernon, B.C. 10:30 A.M.
to 3:30 P.M.

April 14 - KSPC regular meet.

April 19 - 27th Vancouver
Peace Festival. Activities
throughout the festival,
ending with Peace Walk on
27th.

April 26th - Kamloops Walk
for Peace. Starting at 12
noon at Allen Matthews Learn-
ing Institute, 5th and St.
Paul. Rally at Band Shell,
Riverside Park, 1:00 P.M.
(In the event of inclement
weather, rally will be moved
indoors. Place to be an-
nounced later.)

May 24th and 25th - Nanoose
Conversion Campaign will
hold a conference to inform
Interior residents about the
situation at Nanoose Bay.
Time and place will be an-
nounced in the May issue of
the News.

KSPC PRESENTS - Weekly TV show on Channel 10, Thursday 6:30 P.M. The
subject is repeated through the month.

Memberships - 1986 Memberships are now due. We need the money to carry
on with our projects such as the Peace Walk, education seminars, TV shows,
purchasing films, books, etc.

Regular membership is \$10 per year. Sustaining and organizational member-
ships are \$25 per year. OAP and unemployed are welcome to join at whatever
they can afford. Your time is valuable too, so donate whatever you can!

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